



**VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE
Public Safety Committee**

Dedicated to increasing the safety of the residents, in the Village of North Syracuse

June 6, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.
Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairman, Fred Fergerson.

ATTENDANCE

Fred Fergerson, Chairman/Trustee
Pat Brennan, Fire Chief
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Rec
Pam DiCarlo, Codes Enforcement
Jack Gaiser, Zoning Board
Charlotte LaPorte, Planning Commission
Mark Atkinson, Deputy Mayor

Reports:

1. Police

No one from the department was present. Trustee Fergerson reported on the new electronic policing available to village residents. "The Village Beat" is a two-way Internet based program that mirrors the "neighborhood watch" concept. Residents sign up to receive or give reports at www.northsyracuse.ny.com under "Police"/"Village Beat". This community policing interaction promises to be beneficial to both residents and the police. Fred passed the first police report around cautioning that several larcenies from parked cars have been reported.

2. Fire Department

Chief Brennan was asked to prioritize his department's need for additional fire hydrants as none had been added since 2008. He reviewed the 2008 list of 12 sites and put them in this order. 1. The area of 110 Single Drive; 2. The area of 208-210 Catherine Street; 3. Area of 407 Church Street (where, in addition to the hydrant request 2 standpipes from Church St. to the NB and SB lanes of Rt 81 ((approval of NYS DOT needed)); 4. Area of 891 South Bay Road (also with 2 standpipes from South Bay to the NB and SB lanes of RT 481) ((DOT))

Chief Brennan also requested a change to move the meeting time for the Safety Committee to 5 PM, keeping them on the 1st Monday quarterly. Discussion followed and it was decided by all to move the time as stated, and move the meetings to the NS Fire Department.

3. Codes

Wayne Dean has been ill, and as it is uncertain when/if he'll be able to return, Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Mayor Browning will be meeting with the Town of Clay Supervisor to explore sharing a codes officer with Clay. Pam Dicarlo reported that a dangerous tree condition at 206 Fergerson Park had been resolved without using village resources. Additional tree issues under study are at 130 Maple Manor Drive and in the 300 block of Palmer Drive.

Discussion of how to handle "dangerous" tree complaints included suggestions that a licensed arborist be brought in before the Village orders a tree removed at the property owner's expense.

4. Parks & Recreation

Parks Director Roth reported that required park and pool inspections had been or will be completed shortly. The pool opens next Friday, speed bumps will be put back in place at Lonergan Park for the summer, horse mats have been installed under the swings in the play grounds, summer camp is about ready to begin. She was congratulated for her work at the Village Festival which was a great success this year.

5. DPW

Trustee Ferguson reported on resident complaints of speeding on Watson and Maxwell Ave.* Those complaints requested speed bumps be placed. This was considered unnecessary by the committee and DPW Superintendent Willmer said he would look into obtaining a traffic counter from the NYS DPW to study the traffic flows and Fred would notify Chief Connelly about the complaints. **Maxwell and Watson Rd are being used to avoid the Bear Rd/ 481 ramp light.*

Another issue that was reported again, was speeding on Lawrence Ave. but also the increased traffic flow by those trying to avoid the traffic control light at So. Bay and Taft by cutting through the H&R Block parking access which leads onto Lawrence. Gary will look into the signage, Mark will speak to H&R Block, Fred will advise Chief Connelly about the problem. Maybe that access can be closed.

Gary reported that he is arranging to have the traffic light at So. Bay and Chestnut/Church Streets replaced with a new system that will allow left hand turns on green. Pat B. requested to look into tying that light into the generator at the Community Center.

6. Mayor/Trustee's Report

Trustee Ferguson asked all to consider addressing the excessive use of air horns by NAVAC crews in the village. The air horns are in violation of the Village's noise ordinance. Discussion followed and Fred will contact the Director to request more discretion in the use of the horns inside village limits. The only other complaint addressed was from a resident requesting additional street lighting on Mary Street. Fred and Gary both saw no need.

The last item discussed was about the public's disregard of crosswalks in the village. More police enforcement and possible signage was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, September 12th, 2011 – 5:00 pm – N.S. FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Alfred E. "Fred" Ferguson
Safety Chairman / Trustee**

cc: Mayor Browning
Deputy Mayor Atkinson
Trustee Butterfield
Trustee Henry
Trustee Ferguson
Chris Pollock, Village Clerk
Chief Connelly, Police Dept.
Gary Wilmer, DPW
Teresa Roth, Parks & Rec.
Chief Brennan, Fire Dept.
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